

A paper under the following title was presented for publication :—

“Dr. Collett on the morphology of the cranium and the auricular openings in the north European species of the Family Strigidæ; to which is added some recent opinions upon the systematic position of the Owls,” by R. W. Shufeldt, M. D.

On the recommendation of the Council an invitation to the Academy from the University of Glasgow to participate in the celebration of the fiftieth year of the Right Honorable Lord Kelvin's tenure of office of the Chair of Natural Philosophy therein was accepted and GENERAL ISAAC JONES WISTAR was appointed to represent the Academy on the occasion.

*On a Collection of Barnacles.*—MR. H. A. PILSBRY spoke of a collection of barnacles from the bottom of the iron ship “Puritan” of Glasgow, which had been dry docked in Cramp's shipyard after a voyage from San Francisco to Hong Kong, and to Philadelphia via Java and India. The forms represented were *Balanus tintinnabulum* L., *B. tintinnabulum zebra* Darwin, *B. tintinnabulum spinosus* Gm., *Tetraclita porosa patellaris* Darwin, *Lepas anatifera* L. and *L. Hillii* Leach. The forms ranked as varieties of *B. tintinnabulum* retain their individuality perfectly, although growing side by side under apparently identical external conditions, so that their differential characteristics can scarcely be attributed to unlike environmental factors. The variety of *Tetraclita porosa* seems to be a rare form, originally described by Darwin from three examples taken off a ship's bottom in Boston by Dr. A. A. Gould. It is very unlike the ordinary form of the species. Specimens of *Ostrea rivularis* Gld. are attached to some of the barnacles. As this is a species of east Asian seas, it is very probable that the load of barnacles was obtained in China; although the Balanidæ themselves have been so widely diffused by commerce that alone they afford but little evidence of their original *patria*. The specimens were procured and presented to the Academy by Master Lester Bernstein.

*Pugnus parvus.*—MR. PILSBRY also spoke of a remarkable shell representing a new genus of Tectibranchiate mollusks, *Pugnus parvus* Hedley, of which a specimen from Middle Harbor, near Sydney, N. S. W., Australia, was exhibited. The shell is involute, like that of *Bulla*, *Haminea*, *Cylichna* and many other genera of Cephalaspidea; but it differs from all of these in the remarkable features of a thickened outer lip and thrice-folded columella. These characters caused Mr. Hedley, its describer, to consider *Pugnus* a “telescoped” *Ringicula*. All other Ringiculidæ, both fossil and recent, have the spire developed; so that *Pugnus* stands unique in that family in its depressed and concealed spire. The generic name is an allusion to the resemblance of the shell to a clenched hand.